HOUSE BILL 2680

By Casada

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 12, Part 1, relative to financial responsibility.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-12-102(12)(C), is amended by deleting the language "If proof is required after December 31, 1989, such proof means:" and substituting instead the language "If proof is required after December 31, 1989, but prior to January 1, 2009, such proof means:".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-12-102(12), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision thereto:

- (D) If proof is required after December 31, 2008, such proof means:
- (i) A written proof of liability insurance coverage provided by a single limit policy with a limit of not less than one hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000) applicable to one (1) accident;
- (ii) A split-limit policy with a limit of not less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for bodily injury to or death of one (1) person, not less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for bodily injury to or death of two (2) or more persons in any one (1) accident, and not less than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for damage to property in any one (1) accident;
- (iii) A deposit of cash with the commissioner in the amount of one hundred twenty thousand (\$120,000); or
- (iv) The execution and filing of a bond with the commissioner in the amount of one hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000).

An insured holding a policy that complies with the insurance requirements of the financial responsibility law on December 31, 2008, will not be deemed to be in violation of the law if the policy meets the limits specified above as of the first renewal after such date;

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.

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